

NEW JERSEY URBAN LEAGUE MONTHLY REPORT
for May, 1947

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Annual Meeting A large portion of the time during May was spent making arrangements for the Annual Dinner Meeting, which was held at the Diocesan House on June 6th. The guest speaker was Mr. Glenn Gardiner, president of the N. J. State Chamber of Commerce and vice-president of Forstmann Woolen Co. Mr. Gardiner spoke on management and labor relations.

The fourth annual award for work in the field of race relations was given to the Greater Newark C I O Council. It was presented to Mr. Morton Bloch, executive secretary of the council, by Mr. Herbert Hartley, president of the Newark Teachers Association.

Mrs. Savoy, president of the N. J. Urban League Guild, reported that receipts for the Building Fund Drive totaled more than \$19,000. It is expected that additional receipts will increase the amount to more than \$20,000. Considering the difficulties encountered, the campaign workers did a marvelous job. However the minimum goal of \$25,000 was not reached.

The meeting was attended by approximately 150 persons. Very good news coverage was given by the daily and weekly press. Printed annual reports were distributed. Additional reports will be mailed to interested persons who did not attend the meeting.

Other activities of the executive secretary included work on the Essex County Adult Education organization committee; I am an American Day awards committee; Governor's Conference on Youth; and a talk given to the senior assembly at Newark Girls Trade School.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

White Collar Jobs During the month we conferred with officials of Prudential Life Insurance Co. regarding the integration of colored white-collar workers. Impetus has been given efforts to secure white-collar employment for Negroes through plans which are taking place for a community wide drive. The Textile Workers of America and the State C I O Anti-Discrimination committee have agreed to cooperate.

Vocational Guidance In conferences at Weequahic High School and South Side High School we discussed the importance of "non-differential" vocational guidance for Negro students. Thirteen individuals were given vocational counselling in the office.

Household Employment Work on the household employment program involved 2 luncheons, one with persons from 12 municipalities representing women's organizations, federal and state government agencies and private social agencies.

Department Stores Efforts to broaden the field of employment in department stores for Negroes consisted of conferences at Kresge's and Hearn's and the development of a post-card campaign through the Essex County Inter-Group Council.

Other activities of the industrial relations secretary included: Talks at South Side High School on "Memorial Day and Democracy" (audience of 1200) and at Jones Street Y. W. C. A. on "Vocational Opportunities Today" (audience of 25). Information on status of women in employment was provided, through interviews and use of League material, to several organizations and individuals and to the Afro-American newspaper for a series of feature articles. We have been requested by Hampton Institute to help place some of their industry and trade school graduates and are giving this matter attention. We have been able to develop promises of employment for a number of power electricians and machinists. If these promises bear fruit, a significant step will be made, since, as far as we can determine, there are no more than half a dozen Negroes employed as full-fledged machinists in the State.

Employment There was a total of 209 job applicants, and a total of 104 referrals. One hundred and fifty three applicants were females and 56 were males, 17 of the males were veterans. Eighty two referrals were for females and 22 were for males, 1 male was a veteran. Nine referrals were made for clerical and sales positions.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEPARTMENT

Problem Cases Ten office consultations were given. Six persons had marital problems; of these, four were referred to other agencies, one to a lawyer and one was settled in the office. The other cases involved problems of housing, summer camp for children and college entrance. Two home visits were made.

Neighborhood Groups Ten members of the neighborhood assisted us in taking 379 children to Salem Temple Shrine Circus, May 22nd at the Sussex Avenue Armory. The Newark Chapter of the American Red Cross sent its Motor Corps to transport the group.

Ground work has been laid for the organization of a group of boys in the immediate vicinity of the League building. The boys range in ages from 16 to 26 years.

Seven Neighborhood Group meetings were attended during the month. In addition to spring cleaning (houses and neighborhoods) painting and repair work was done on a cooperative basis. Car owners took neighbors to road-side stands to purchase flowers, grass seed and vegetable plants.

The secretary continued work with the family budget committee of the Welfare Council, the Central Ward Community Council, the Eighteenth Avenue sewing class. They also attended the Governor's Conference on Youth in Trenton, met with case workers of the Iron Bound Section and conferred with the Newark Traveler's Aid Staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

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